

CAPT MICHAEL C. OBERDORF

87th Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

A native of Penn Run, Pennsylvania, Captain Oberdorf enlisted in the Navy in 1992 and received his commission in 1999 from Penn State University through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. He has served in a variety of assignments both afloat and ashore



throughout his career as a Submarine and Engineering Duty Officer. His sea tours include USS BOXER (LHD 4), USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743G), USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN 777), USS LA JOLLA (SSN 701) as Executive Officer and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) as Chief Engineer from June 2017 to August 2019.

Ashore, Captain Oberdorf served at Commander U.S. Second Fleet as a Navy Planner and coordinated the HADR response to Haiti in 2010. He also served at U.S. Fleet Forces Command as the Deputy Operations Officer from 2012-2014 where he laterally transferred to the Engineering Duty Officer Community because of medical reasons after screening for Submarine command. He completed his EDO qualification tour in ten months at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) working on USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) and USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75) as Deputy Project Superintendent.

He was then assigned as the Norfolk Submarine Repair Officer in charge of all intermediate level maintenance on the waterfront. Next, he was assigned as Deputy Operations Officer for NNSY where he served until April 2017. Following his sea tour onboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76), he reported to NNSY and relieved as the Business and Strategic Planning Officer, from August 2019 to January 2020 and then served as the Production Resources Officer, from January 2020 to August 2020.

He was previously assigned as the Operations Officer at NNSY before assuming command of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on February 4, 2022.

Captain Oberdorf is a 1999 graduate of Penn State University with a BS degree and he holds a MSEE from the Naval Post Graduate School. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards).